

PATENT APPLICATION

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| In re application of: Richard Humpleman, et al. |) Examiner: W. Bashore | |
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| For: METHOD AND APPARATUS |) Group Art Unit: 2176 | |
| FOR A HOME NETWORK AUTO | , 1 , | |
| TREE BUILDER |) Dated: Oct. 31, 2003) | RECEIVED |
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Reply/Amendment

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby responds to the Office Action dated Oct. 31, 2003 in the above-referenced patent application. Reconsideration and allowance of the patent application is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.

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